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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 595

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 595 by replacing the
3 title with the following:

4 "AN ACT in relation to educational materials on Hepatitis
5 for veterans."; and

6 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
7 following:

8 "Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
9 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
10 amended by changing Section 2310-376 as follows:

11 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-376)

12 Sec. 2310-376. Hepatitis € education and outreach.

13 (a) The Illinois General Assembly finds and declares the
14 following:

15 (1) The World Health Organization characterizes
16 Hepatitis € as a disease of primary concern to humanity.

17 (2) Hepatitis € is considered a silent killer; no
18 recognizable signs or symptoms occur until severe liver
19 damage has occurred.

20 (3) Studies indicate that nearly 4 million Americans
21 (1.8 percent of the population) carry the virus HCV that
22 causes the disease.

23 (4) 30,000 acute new infections occur each year in the

1 United States, and only 25 to 30 percent are diagnosed.

2 (5) 8,000 to 10,000 Americans die from the disease each
3 year.

4 (6) 200,000 Illinois residents may be carriers and
5 could develop the debilitating and potentially deadly
6 liver disease.

7 (7) Inmates of correctional facilities have a higher
8 incidence of Hepatitis E and, upon their release, present a
9 significant health risk to the general population.

10 (8) Illinois members of the armed services are subject
11 to an increased risk of contracting Hepatitis due to their
12 possible receipt of contaminated blood during a
13 transfusion occurring for the treatment of wounds and due
14 to their service in areas of the World where the disease is
15 more prevalent and healthcare is less capable of detecting
16 and treating the disease. Many of these service members are
17 unaware of the danger of Hepatitis and their increased risk
18 of contracting the disease.

19 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall conduct
20 an education and outreach campaign, in addition to its overall
21 effort to prevent infectious disease in Illinois, in order to
22 raise awareness about and promote prevention of Hepatitis E.

23 (c) In addition to the education and outreach campaign
24 provided in subsection (b), the Department shall develop and
25 make available to physicians, other health care providers,
26 members of the armed services, and other persons subject to an
27 increased risk of contracting Hepatitis, educational
28 materials, in written and electronic forms, on the diagnosis,
29 treatment, and prevention of the disease. These materials shall
30 include the recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease
31 Control and Prevention and any other persons or entities
32 determined by the Department to have particular expertise on
33 Hepatitis, including the American Liver Foundation. These
34 materials shall be written in terms that are understandable by

1 members of the general public.

2 (Source: P.A. 93-129, eff. 1-1-04.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.".